Great News from Germany;

OR,

A TRUE ACCOUNT

OF THE

DISCOVERY

OF A

Treacherous Design

To BETRAY the

CITY of MENTZ

To the *FRENCH*.

With a LIST of the Confederate Army near the RHINE.

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ONE *Consbruk*, Commissary-General in the City of *Mentz*, having kept a secret Correspondency with the *French* King, in order to betray that City into his hands, the Plot was discovered in this following manner:

The *French* sent a Trumpeter into the City of *Mentz*, under pretence to ransom some Prisoners of War, but in effect to deliver secretly some Letters to the Commissary-General. The Trumpeter staying at the said place somewhat longer than was expected, the *French* General was very uneasie about it, and sent the Marquess *de Villacart*, *Maistre de Camp* of the Regiment of Horse of *Berry*, Commander of the *Carabines*, and Nephew to Monsieur *de Louvois*, together with Monsieur *Belleviere*, Major of the Royal Regiment of Horse, and Mr. *Flinter*, Captain of a Troop of Horse, towards the City, to try if they could hear any news of the said Trumpeter; but unluckily for them, they were all made Prisoners by a Troop of Dragoons, who being sent by the Governor to go in pursuit of a *French* Party, met these three abovementioned Officers on their return. At the Entrance of the Gate of the City they met the Trumpeter; and one of the Officers that was taken, told him in a great passion, That he was the cause of their being made Prisoners; and that they would not fail to get him to be hang'd, as soon as they were set at liberty. The Trumpeter did not like the Proposals; and being besides, a *German*, he thought it safest for him to return into the City; and going straight to the Governor, acquainted him with what had past. General Count *Thungen*, the Governor of the City, being extremely surprized at it, sent immediately for the Commissary-General, and asking him about the Letter,

and the Commissary denying, that ever he had received any, the Governor sent for Six *Hussares*, who after having stript him of all his Cloathes to his very shirt, in the General's presence, several Letters of dangerous concern were found about him, hidden in some secret places of his Body. It was plainly discovered by them, that he had betrayed to the *French* King all the Measures that were taken in the City; and that he was to set the City on fire, as soon as the *French* were come near to Bombard it. There was a Letter found about him, writ by the *French* King's own hand; and another written by him to the *French* King, wherein he thanks him for the exact and regular payment of his Pension, which has been Two hundred *French Pistoles* a Month: He tells him, that a great many are ready to assist him in all his undertakings for the *French* King's service; and it is said, he will in few days be put to the Rack, in order to discover the said Traytors. He himself is put into Iron Chains and an Express is sent to seize his Brother, who is Secretary to the Emperor; his own Secretary, who was secured with his Master, has since Poyson'd himself in the Prison. The Governor-General, Count *Thumen*, has ordered all his Goods to be seized at *Costhem*, where the said Commissary did reside; amongst which, there was found a Trunk full of *French* Money, and a Silver Service. If this dangerous Conspiracy had not been so opportunely discovered, the City of *Mentz*, the taking of which cost the Duke of *Lorain* so much pains, and the *Germans* so much Blood, had been now all in Ashes. The *French* have sent a Trumpeter into the City, to let the Governor know, *That in case he did not surrender the three Officers, they would destroy the City*: But the Governor has answered them, That *upon the throwing of the first Bomb into the City, he would immediately Hang the said three Officers upon the Rampart.*

A List of the Confederate Army near the Rhine.

The Forces of the Elector of Saxony.

FOOT.

THE Regiment of Guards,	1500.
General *Schoning's*,	1600.
Count *Tessen's*,	1000.
Suntzendorf's,	1000.
Duke *Christiana's*,	1000.
Dusterradt's,	1000.
Two Regiments of Granadiers	800.

HORSE.

The Regiment of Guards,	500.
Schoultz's,	500.
Braun's,	500.
Hautitz's,	500.
Life-Guard,	
Braunitz,	500.
Two Regiments of Dragoons	1000.

Foot of *Gotha.*

Bibra's,	1000.
Neitsels,	1000.
The Dragoons of *Ramsdorf.*	500.
Total	13900.

The Troops of the Circle of *Franconia*,	10000.
The Troops of *Suabia*,	10000.
The Duke of *Wirtenberg's*,	6000.
Two Regiments of *Hussars*,	1200.
Two *Bavarian* Regiments	
Three Regiments of *Saltzburg.*	
The Regiments of *Zebelsdorf* and *Swarzefeld*,	3000.
The Regiment of *Ottingen*,	1600.
Total	31800.
In all,	45700.

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